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All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Amy Nelson at (703) 306-3218. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Thursday from 7:00 am to 5:30 pm.

The fax number for TC 1600 is (703) 872-9306 (before final) or (703) 872-9307 (after final).

Any inquiry of a general nature, relating to the status of this application or if a paper has not been received, should be directed to TC 1600 Customer Service at (703) 308-0198.

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